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FIVE STEAMERS TO BE ADDED TO P. M. FLEET, IS PLANNED

Vice President and General Manager, Who is Here on Venezuela, Tells of Request He Will Make on Directors

Tremendous increase in trans-Pacific transportation by way of Honolulu and more ships Hawaii bound was the good news received today with the arrival here of the Pacific Mail steamer Venezuela in this morning from the Orient and out tomorrow for the mainland.

On the Venezuela came Honolulu's distinguished guests for the day, J. H. Rosseter, vice president and general manager of the Pacific Mail Steamship Co. of San Francisco, and Mrs. Rosseter, who went to the Orient on the Venezuela on her first trip in October. Rosseter talked freely and pleasantly on plans to increase his company's Pacific fleet.

Five new steamers planned

Five princely ocean liners, the best that are built, flying the Pacific Mail flag—two the finest and fleetest in the west; fortnightly trips to Honolulu from the coast, this was a flash of the picture the big shipping man drew and he says it is no dream. It may be a decided reality in the near future.

Honolulu will share in it all; that was the most pertinent statement Rosseter made. "We're not leaving Hawaii by," were his words. "We swear by the islands and all of our new boats will stop here."

Rosseter made the six-month trip for the sole purpose of sizing up the possibilities of shipping to the Pacific and he is going back to report a most glowing state of affairs to his directors. He has been to the Philippines, visited in southern China, done Korea and taken a look at Japan while away and after summing up all his findings and what he has seen will be home, he is ready to do his best to make something big doing on the Pacific after the war.

Will Ask Directors

"I'm going to ask the directors for five Pacific liners," is Rosseter's glowing promise, "to be placed in the Pacific as soon as possible. Whether I will get them or not I can not forecast but that is my plan. I know the situation in the Orient pretty well now; of course, I have been away from the United States for some time and am not fully informed of conditions there. But if our parent company can see its way clear, and I hope and believe it can, we are going to get busy over there."

There have been some difficulties in the past running a successful shipping business under the Stars and Stripes but I see no reason why we can not do as well over here as our friends to the west, the Japanese, evidently have done. My company is composed of a number of patriotic men who, for sentimental reasons if for nothing else, want to see the Pacific Mail carrying the American flag across the Pacific. Our passengers have appreciated the service over here; we want to keep it up. If we didn't we could put all three of our boats, the Venezuela, Columbia and Ecuador, on the South American run to a better advantage. But we don't want to give up the Pacific."

Parent Company Has Plan

It is well known that the American International Corporation, parent company of the Pacific Mail, the United Fruit Co. and the International Merchant Marine under which comes all such trans-Pacific lines such as the White Star, American, Leyland and others, said \$20,000,000 for the New York Ship Building Company of Camden, N. J., and here Rosseter plans the

Steels Drop on Weaker Market

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET TODAY

Following are the closing prices of stocks on the New York market today, sent by the Associated Press over the Federal Wireless:

Alaska Gold	100%	100%
American Smelter	100%	100%
American Sugar Rfg.	112 1/2	112 1/2
American Tel. & Tel.	127 1/2	127 1/2
Associated Copper	84 1/2	84 1/2
Atchafalaya	103 1/2	103 1/2
Baldwin Loco.	26 1/2	27 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	78 1/2	78 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	114 1/2	114 1/2
Calif. Petroleum	112 1/2	112 1/2
Canadian Pacific	102 1/2	102 1/2
C. & N. P. (St. Paul)	83 1/2	84 1/2
Colo. Fuel & Iron	32 1/2	32 1/2
Crescent Steel	70 1/2	71 1/2
Erle Common	28 1/2	28 1/2
General Electric	167 1/2	168 1/2
General Motors	118 1/2	119 1/2
Great Northern Pfd.	114 1/2	114 1/2
Inter. Harb. N. Y.	117 1/2	118 1/2
Kennecott Copper	60 1/2	60 1/2
Lehigh R. R.	69 1/2	69 1/2
New York Central	97 1/2	97 1/2
Pennsylvania	34 1/2	34 1/2
Ray Consol.	20 1/2	20 1/2
Reading Common	97 1/2	97 1/2
Southern Pacific	85 1/2	86 1/2
Studebaker	103 1/2	103 1/2
Texas Oil	22 1/2	22 1/2
Union Pacific	139 1/2	139 1/2
U. S. Steel	112 1/2	112 1/2
Utah	112 1/2	112 1/2
Western Union	97 1/2	97 1/2
Western Copper	97 1/2	97 1/2
May Wheat	1.86 1/2	1.86 1/2

*Bid. *Ex-dividend. *Unquoted.
*Asked. *Bid.

SUGAR.
San Francisco, March 21.—Sugar, 5.25 cent. 5.25 cent. Previous quotation, 5.25 cents.

ONLY EAST AWAKE TO SERIOUSNESS OF SITUATION

A. F. Judd, Just Back From the Mainland, Tells of Sentiment He Found

That people on the Atlantic seaboard are awake to the seriousness of the condition which confronts the country, the residents of the Middle West, the residents of the Middle West, and those of California asleep, is an expression of his observations made by Albert F. Judd, who has just returned after a visit of some weeks on the mainland.

"With half a dozen American liners tied up at the piers as a constant and visible reminder of intolerable conditions for our shipping and our commerce it is but natural that the people of New York City, especially the businessmen, should recognize the duties laid upon and the demands made upon the United States and at the same time the lack of preparations that have been made in the past to meet such a crisis. All along the Atlantic seaboard such a sentiment is to be found. There the people feel much as we do here in Hawaii."

"It is not that there is a strong feeling against Germany and the Germans but rather a resentment that any nation or nations should be able or should be permitted to interfere with our rights of travel and of commerce upon the high seas. Yes, the Easterners are wide awake and they make the sentiment clear. But the Middle West is different—indifferent I should say. The people there are further away. They have no constant reminders, nothing to especially stir and awaken them. And so I found the indifference increasing as I came further west until in California I found the people absolutely asleep so far as recognition of the danger and the seriousness of the situation goes."

"It is in the East, almost alone, one finds deep and keen resentment of a position that to the people seems unbearable and it is from the Eastern seaboard that insistent demand for action is coming. I am not attributing a lack of patriotism to the other sections but those sections are either semi-dormant or dormant."

Mr. Judd did not specifically say that conditions in the Middle West were as they long have been, but it could be inferred that there was no recognition of the naval needs of the country, a sentiment which in years past has kept down expenditures for the building of a navy. The surprising thing was that the large producers of food stuffs, realizers of heavy profits from the ever growing exports were not awake to the fact that their business was being seriously affected or would be so affected.

John K. Kananolu for the residents of Koko tract, Waikiki, says they are contemplating asking for an improvement district but as the rains have damaged the roads they think something should be done first by the city.

CHARTER SESSION TONIGHT OPEN TO ALL, SAYS WILDER

Chamber of Commerce Members Who Were to Attend Monday Out Tonight

Tonight the Chamber of Commerce as a whole is to go before the Oahu delegation in the house of representatives to show why the amendments to the charter, as proposed by them, should be passed.

The hearing was to have been held last Monday but due to the rain it was postponed until tonight.

A large delegation from the chamber is expected to be present as practically every member promised to be present last Monday and many have reiterated their promise today.

Chances Grow Brighter

That the movement to have a short ballot form of government, which is embodied in these amendments, is gaining ground is the belief of Emil Bernhardt. "A number of things have happened during the past few days which make me believe that the amendments have now a better chance to pass than they ever had," he said today.

Bernhardt also pointed out that the adoption of these amendments was not a chamber of commerce affair alone but a community affair and that everyone who is interested in their passage should be present tonight.

It is also expected that the convention charter backers will be out in force to argue their cause.

There is to be present a large number of Kakaako residents. Whether the longshoremen will carry out their program to march to the capitol this evening was not certain this morning although it is believed that no special demonstration will be undertaken.

No favoritism will be shown at the public hearing tonight on the city charter bill, declared Representative C. P. Wilder, chairman of the Oahu delegation of the house, which has had the measure under consideration since its introduction.

"Every person desiring to talk on the charter, whether for or against it, will be given a chance to be heard," says the chairman.

The hearing will be held in the hall of representatives, Capitol building, and will be called to order promptly at 7:30 o'clock. Chairman Wilder will preside.

In support of the amendments proposed by the Chamber of Commerce, it is understood that Ex-Governor Walter F. Frear, Attorney William L. Whitney and Attorney William T. Rawlins will be the principal speakers for the civic body. Members of the "Committee of 100," the "fighting phalanx" of the chamber, presumably will attend the meeting in large numbers, as they have been urged to be present.

It is also expected that a few hundred Hawaiian stevedores will be present. Members of certain Hawaiian Republican clubs already have voiced a protest against a charter that would take from the voters the power of electing the heads of the city departments. It is on this point that the stevedores undoubtedly will ask to be heard tonight.

Tonight's meeting probably will be the last public hearing on the charter. The Oahu delegation has completed its work of going over the bill section by section, and the measure now is in the hands of a revision committee.

What changes, if any, are to be made in the charter bill as it now stands will be determined by tonight's hearing, say members of the delegation. Arguments brought out tonight may cause a complete revision of the bill. On the other hand, none of these arguments may be accepted and the bill may remain in its present state.

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U. S. Navy Rushes Enlistments to Man All Warships

Department Would Bring Personnel Up to Full Authorized Strength

(Associated Press by Cable)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 22.—The United States navy is short of 13,514 men of the present authorized strength of 74,000, according to news given out at the department today together with announcement of plans to remedy the situation.

Efforts to speed up enlistments are being redoubled. The authorized strength is sufficient to place all the immediately available ships in commission.

Germans Elect Man Opposed to The War

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
LONDON, Eng., March 22.—Dr. Franz Mehring has been elected to the seat which Dr. Karl Liebknecht, the Socialist leader, occupied in the lower house of the Prussian Diet until he was convicted of fomenting disorder and sentenced to imprisonment. Reuter's agency says that Mehring is a member of the Socialist minority which is opposed to the war.

ALLIES HARASS TEUTON RETREAT

LONDON, England, Mar. 22.—The greatest advance of the two allied armies yesterday was made by the British, who last night reported that they had driven the German troops back more than ten miles to the south and southeast of Peronne, and that the foe is still retreating, although fighting stiff rearguard actions with the British and endeavoring to hold them back as much as possible.

The British have now advanced their lines 40 miles and more east of the river Somme, which for so long held back the French troops, and yesterday succeeded in recapturing from the German invaders of France more than 40 villages.

Between Arras and Nurlu yesterday there was some very heavy fighting with the Germans making use of their machine guns to advantage, but being unable to stop the advance of the British troops. In the Ailette valley they found the Germans making a stand and on the east bank of the Crozat canal von Hindenburg's troops also attempted to stand, and managed to hold the victorious French position for a time. The fighting there is continuing.

In the eastern fighting, in Persia and Mesopotamia the Russians report that the power of the Turks has been shattered completely and that the Ottoman Empire is falling back as rapidly as possible. They have been driven out of the Sakik region, and the Russians have crossed the Persian border into Mesopotamia, and are taking the Ottomans retreating before the British in the Tigris valley in the flank, threatening the whole Turkish army with capture or extinction.

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MAY BE NEWS ON REFUGEE VESSELS AFTER TOMORROW

Governor's Guarded Statement is Taken as Indicating Possible Action

An executive session in Chairman Forbes' office was held this morning by the harbor board. After it was over nobody would say a word.

Gov. Pinkham was not there. "I cannot make any premature statement, but I expect to have some news for you tomorrow," he said to a Star-Bulletin reporter.

Today's executive session is believed to have been entirely concerned with the German boat situation.

The meeting began about 10:30 and the commissioners called in not only Harbor Master William R. Foster, but the assistant harbor master, W. H. Curtis, and all the territorial pilots, Capt. John R. Macaulay, M. A. Madsen and J. F. Haglund.

Chairman Forbes is understood to have conferred with Gen. Strong during the morning.

At the board's meeting late Wednesday the commissioners admitted that their efforts to remove the Pomern from Pier 7 had not succeeded. They referred to Attorney General I. M. Stainback a letter from United States Army Engineer Officer Lieut. Col. R. E. Raymond concerning the plan to moor the Pomern and Setos in Rotten Row behind a series of dolphins, or mooring piles, which would be driven there.

The board also acted on a letter from the Oahu Railway and Land Company which asked for light on the status of the German steamers tied up at its wharf by directing the attorney general's department to write a letter to the railway notifying it that the board would hold it responsible for any damage which might result to territorial piers or property from the presence of the German boats at the privately-owned berth.

The board has also the letter from H. Hackfeld & Company offering to drive piles and moor the vessels in Rotten Row. Whether or not the board has taken action on this letter is the question arising out of the lack of announcement after today's executive session.

Following is the letter from Thompson, Milverton & Cathcart to the harbor board with the offer to moor the ships:

"Gentlemen: As attorneys for H. Hackfeld & Company, Ltd., agents of and for the owners of the steamships Pomern and Setos, we present herewith a proposal relative to those vessels which we believe will satisfactorily solve the existing controversy relating to them.

The owners of the vessels will construct approximately as indicated on the blue print enclosed, sufficient piling or dolphins in the harbor of Honolulu at the entrance to the proposed or reserved Kailua channel between the points marked in red ink on the blue print now in possession of the governor of Hawaii of the map of United States engineer's office of Honolulu harbor, dated June 30, 1916, file No. 411.67, for the safe mooring of the steamships Pomern and Setos, and will, as soon as the necessary work is completed, moor such vessels alongside such piling or dolphins, approximately adjacent and parallel to the bank or shore, the sole cost of such work to be borne by the owners of the vessels upon the understanding that if this expense is borne by them the vessels will be permitted to remain in such position without the payment of any fees or charges to the territorial harbor, commissioners, or other authorities, as is the case with other vessels at anchorage in the so-called 'Rotten Row.'

"It has been conservatively estimated that the time necessary to prepare this mooring place will be about 10 days from the time of acceptance of this proposal.

"In connection with this proposal we would state that we understand that the location suggested has the consent and acquiescence of the United States authorities interested. Will you kindly advise us at your earliest convenience whether this suggestion meets with your approval, and whether you will cooperate with us in carrying it out?"

"Very truly yours,
"By F. W. MILVERTON,
"Thompson, Milverton & Cathcart."

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FRENCH THROW ENEMY OUT OF STRONG POSITIONS; RETREAT OF TEUTONS STILL CONTINUES

"Strategic Stroke" of Berlin Not Yet Delivered—Fresh Revolt in Russia Denied

(Associated Press by Cable)
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 22.—Offers of mediation to prevent actual war between the United States and Germany are expected among the next developments in the startling chain of diplomatic events.

Members of high administration circles have heard that a European neutral nation is contemplating this plan of attempted mediation.

It is frankly regarded as another effort backed by Germany to divide sentiment in Congress and embarrass the president, and it is declared authoritatively that no proposals for mediation will be considered.

Two courses have tentatively been broached. One is action by the United States to place a large sum at the disposal of the Entente Allies, the other the placing of general credits in the countries of the Entente powers with the individual banks there, to a much greater extent than heretofore. The latter plan would allow the Entente governments to place larger loans through these banks.

Uncle Sam Considers Plan to Place Huge Funds at Disposal of Allies

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Allies Take Back 853 Square Miles

(Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless)
PARIS, France, March 22.—The total territory now liberated from the German invaders by the new Somme offensive movement of the Allies is 853 square miles. The territory thus redeemed for France is situated in four of the provincial departments and includes 366 towns and villages, populated by 200,000 French people.

The Germans still possess 7126 square miles but are being slowly forced to give up mile after mile.

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Rumor of New Russian Revolt Denied

PETROGRAD, Russia, March 22.—Minister of Justice Korotkiy, in an interview with the Associated Press today denied rumors of friction and discord between the workers, soldiers and the new government. Korotkiy, who is a member of the radical workingmen's party, says that the rumors amount to nothing and are started by trouble fomenters. He emphatically denies that there is latent dissatisfaction which might be a cause of fresh revolt.

LONDON, Eng., March 22.—All members of the former Russian dynasty, including the czar, have placed themselves at the disposition of the provisional government, says a Reuter despatch. The despatch says that Grand Duke Cyril, son of the Duchess Vladimir and at one time a possibility to succeed the czar, has resigned command of the Russian naval guards.

Another Reuter's despatch says that there is robbery and incendiarism in Petrograd, with some murders. The disorders started among revolutionaries and the police encouraged them, reports say, but the soldiers put down the street rows.

MAKE GUARDSMEN REAL SOLDIERS

In order that the 1st Infantry, National Guard, may be better prepared to take the field in case of war the instructions for drill just issued by Col. Richard C. Croxton, inspector and instructor, are based along those lines. If a soldier is to be of benefit to his country he must know how to act in the field, is the opinion of Col. Croxton, and it is his intention to fit the 1st Infantry for such work.

Along this line Col. Croxton has changed the time for officer's instruction to Monday night at 7:45 o'clock instead of after the drill periods, and has prepared some interesting courses of instruction.

Next Monday night, March 26, he will give instructions in guard duty and a short talk on court marshals and boards of officers.

The following Monday evening, April 2, he has obtained the services of Capt. Elvid Hunt, who did so much to aid the regiment while in camp last year, to give a lecture and black-

board talk on the elementary duties of squad and platoon leaders in order that the officers may learn to instruct their corporals and the individuals in these maneuvers.

The twentieth anniversary of Pacific Reuben Lodge, I. O. O. F., will be celebrated tonight with a literary and musical program. Refreshments will be served.

CALLS MEMBERS OUT

It is to be hoped that the members of the Chamber of Commerce who signified an intention of coming out to last Monday night's public meeting on the charter, and backing up the Chamber in its determination to secure a progressive charter for this city and county, will come to the public meeting tonight at 7:30 in the house of representatives.

Tonight's meeting will be on the same subject—the charter—and it's up to the business men to get what we need. COME OUT TONIGHT.

RAYMOND C. BROWN, Secretary.